

Littering isn't cool.

It's also against the law.

Littering is a crime.

You can be fined up to \$1,000, sent to jail for a year or both.*

If you see someone littering, call 1-877-7-LITTER.

Here's the law:

- **You can't litter anywhere. Period.**
- **Cigarette butts are litter and a fire hazard.**
- **If you have stuff in the back of a truck or trailer that can blow away, it must be secured or covered. No excuses.**
- **If you haul tree limbs or yard waste, they cannot drag on the road or cover the vehicle's lights or license plate.**
- **Your car (or truck) can be taken away if you dump large amounts of litter.**

***The minimum fine for littering is \$200. The maximum fine is \$1,000. If you're found guilty, you may go to jail for 30 days to one year. You may have to do community service, too.**

For more information, please visit www.palmettopride.org.

The **Green Driver Project** is offered by the **S.C. Department of Health and Environmental Control's Office of Solid Waste Reduction and Recycling** in partnership with **PalmettoPride, The Governor's Council on Beautification and Litter.**



**Litter
Trashes
Everyone.**
Don't Do It.

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Survey Says...

A statewide telephone survey was conducted recently on behalf of PalmettoPride to determine what South Carolinians thought about litter and what could be done. Here are some of the results:

- **75 percent** of South Carolinians identified litter as a major priority for the state.
- **59.9 percent** said the state is not doing enough about litter.
- **83.8 percent** of residents said highway beautification projects (like planting flowers along highways and near exit ramps) give residents a sense of pride in their state.
- **90.7 percent** of citizens said litter along roadways and in other public places give visitors a negative impression of the state.
- **71.6 percent** agreed that most South Carolinians take pride in their state.
- **67.7 percent** thought wrappers, bottles and other trash blowing from a vehicle's window is a major problem.
- **54.1 percent** of South Carolina residents think trash blowing from uncovered or improperly covered trucks is a major problem.
- **65.5 percent** said cigarette butts thrown or left on the ground are a major problem.
- **67.3 percent** said illegal dumping in rural areas is a major problem in the state.

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Student Aid

Here's the top 10 ways you as a student (and new driver) can fight litter in your own school or backyard:

1. **Don't even think about littering.**
2. **Pick up at least one piece of litter every day.**
3. **As a Green Driver, put a litter bag in the car. Use it!**
4. **Start a student chapter of PalmettoPride.**
5. **Organize a cleanup of your school grounds.**
6. **Organize a "Walk for Cleanup and Beautification" in your community.**
7. **Volunteer to help your local Keep America Beautiful affiliate.**
8. **Participate in the Great American Cleanup.**
9. **Cover your truck bed with a tarp.**
10. **RECYCLE.**



Here's the Breakdown:

Litter lasts a long time. Here's how long it takes for some litter to decompose:

Cigarette Butt	5 years
Plastic Bag	20 years
Tin Can	50 years
Styrofoam Cup	50 years
Aluminum Can	200 years
Plastic Bottle	450 years
Fishing Line	500+ years
Glass Bottle	1 million years